(c) the details of the sanctioned strength and the doctors actually in position of the Institute as on date; and

(d) to what extent analysis has been undertaken to ensure the required number of doctors there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had advised AIIMS authorities to go in for fresh ad-hoc recruitment of required number of residents upto 30th June, 1995.

(b) Services of 75 Sr. Residents-Demonstrators working on ad-hoc basis were terminated and resignations of 21 Sr. Residents|Demonstrators and 27 Jr. Residents/Demonstrators were accepted.

(c) As per statement encolsed (*See* below)

(d) The strike of Resident Doctors has since been called off.

Statement

Details of Sactioned Strength of Doctors in AIIMS and in Position as on 6-2-95

Sl. No.	Category of Posts	Sanctioned	In Position As on 6-2-1995
1	Professor	99	82
2	Additional Professor	90	90
3	Associats Professor	92	92
4	Assistant Professor	170	116
5	G.D.M.O.	3	3
6	B.T.O.	3	3
7	Asstt. B.T.O.	1	1
8	Jr. Research Officer	1	1
9	Sr. Research Officer	2	2
10	Sr. Residents/Demonstrators	287	290
11	Jr. Residents/Demonstrators	375	338

International Seminar on Cardiology

3854. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether clinical trials have been conducted to come to the conclusion that Aspirin is effective in preventing heart attacks;

(b) whether a three-day International Seminar on Cardiology was organised recently by Ganga Ram Hospital and the University of California in this regard; and

(c) if so, the conclusions reached at this seminar and the steps taken to use Aspirin tablets increasingly to prevent heart attacks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) On the basis of trials conducted in Cardiology during the past few years it has been reported that use of 100—150 mg Asprin per day reduces the incidence of second heart attack.

(b) Yes.

(c) The use of Aspirin as a preventive measure for avoiding subsequent heart attach should be done under the guidance of a Registered Medical Practitioner.

Cultivation of Kesar in Hilly Areas

3855. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Council of Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has successfully cultivated five tonnes of saffron (Kesar) over 2,000 hectares of land at Ranikhet and Chammoli hill areas of Western Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof with objectives and cost of this project incurred by CCRAS;

(c) whether this cultivation has proved that saffron can be grown outside Jammu and Kashmir also;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to ask Central Council of Research in Ayurveda and Siddha to make similar cultivation in hilly areas of Mizoram in future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The figures reported in Hindustan Times on 20.3.95 have not been quoted correctly. The Editor of the paper has been requested to issue the necessary corrigendum to this effect.

(b) to (d) The Council at its herbal garden at Ranikhet (HADR) has taken up the experimental cultivation of Saffon (Kesar) on a very small scale in about 1.5 acres of land for its propogation, multiplication & acclimatization in Ranikhet & adjoining areas.

The study has shown that saffron can successfully be cultivated in Kumaon & Garhwal regions of U.P. at an altitude of 1500—2000 m. above sea level. The experimental cultivation has shown that average yield of saffron is @ 2.20 kg. per acre. The initial expenditure to start cultivation of saffron is quite high due to high cost of planting material. The actual net profit starts from the fourth year. But in subsequent years it gives lucrative returns.

(e) and (f) Does not arise.

Extraction of MUSK

3856. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has successfully extracted musk from deers without killing them;

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of areas of such performance;

(c) whether Government propose to ask CCRAS to train the people of such techniques of extraction of musk so that killing of deers for this purpose could be avoided in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Council has successfully extracted the musk of the deers at the Musk Deer Breeding farm of CCRAS at Mehroori in Kumaon Hill on 3-3-1992 and 4-4-1992. This extraction has been done by milking the musk from the pod and also scooping its pod without giving